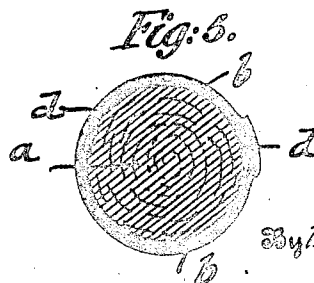
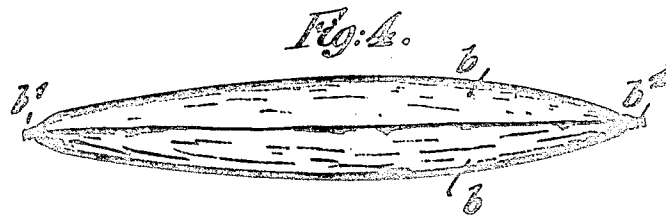
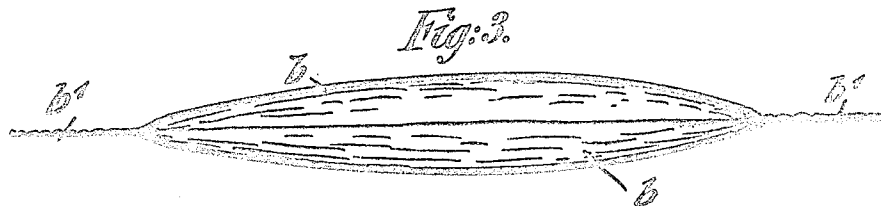
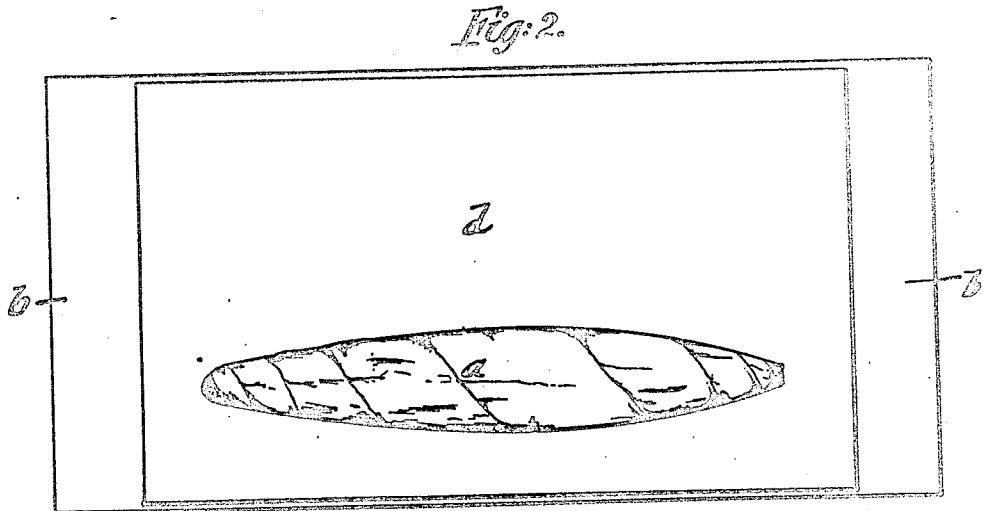
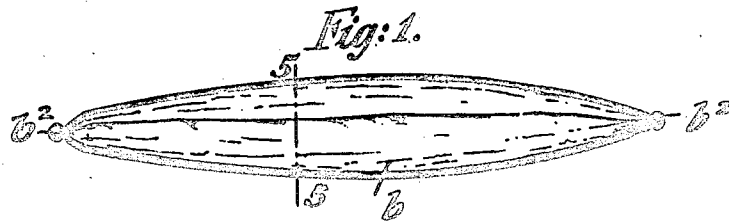


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MELCHIOR ULMER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing in New York, in the borough of the Bronx, county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cigar-Packages, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved cigar-package in which cigars, and more especially the more expensive styles are protected against atmospheric influences by an inclosing wrapper or envelop which is wrapped around each individual cigar and sealed at the ends; and for this purpose the invention consists of a cigar-package comprising a cigar, a protective envelop wrapped around the same and twisted into cords and closed by sealing wax at the ends.

The invention consists further of the process of wrapping the cigars in the protective envelop by rolling the cigar into an oblong wrapper, twisting the ends into cords, cutting off the corded ends and dipping the same into sealing wax for closing them.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a side-elevation of my improved cigar-package, Figs. 2, 3 and 4 show the successive steps performed in wrapping the cigar into the protective envelop, and Fig. 5 is a vertical transverse section on line 5, 5, Fig. 1, drawn on a larger scale.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the different figures.

Referring to the drawing, *a* represents a cigar of any desired shape, size or style, preferably one of the better and more expensive kind.

b is the wrapper of oblong shape, which is made of somewhat greater length than the cigar to be wrapped up, and composed of the well-known vellum or Japanese tissue-paper or other suitable flexible material. Inside of the same is placed a layer of tinfoil *d*, which is wrapped with the Japanese tissue-paper around the cigar. The cigar is placed near one of the longer sides of the wrapper formed of the interior layer of tinfoil and exterior layer of tissue-paper, the wrapper projecting beyond both ends,

as shown in Fig. 2. The wrapper is then rolled around the cigar and the ends twisted into cords *b'*, as shown in Fig. 3. The twisted ends hold the wrapper in close contact with the butt and tip ends of the cigar. Each corded end is cut off close to the tip and butt-ends of the cigar, as shown in Fig. 4, after which the twisted ends are dipped into liquid sealing wax or other plastic material that hardens after cooling and forms small buttons *b''*, as shown in Fig. 1. Sealing wax of white color is preferably employed. The sealing wax holds the wrapper in position on the cigar and produces the tight closing of the same around the cigar. The closely-fitting cover supports the buttons in close proximity to and on the axial line of, the cigar, whereby the ends of the cigar are protected from injury. The position of the buttons is clearly shown in Fig. 1 of the drawing. When the cigar is to be smoked, either one of the solid buttons at the tip or butt end of the cigar is torn off and the wrapper removed from the cigar.

The buttons protect the ends of the cigar against injury and breakage by contact with the side walls of the box in which they are contained, and the buttons afford a ready means of breaking open the package. They prevent the untwisting of the coiled ends of the package in the act of breaking open the package, and thereby cause the clean breaking of the paper in close proximity to the tip.

The envelop protects the cigar against the influences of the atmosphere and retains the same in fresh and good condition for a considerable length of time.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A cigar-package, comprising a cigar, and a flexible wrapper surrounding the same and tightly fitting thereto, and having twisted ends beyond the ends of the cigar, and protecting buttons of sealing-wax supported upon said twisted ends in close proximity to and on the axial line of the cigar.

2. The process herein described of wrap-

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ping cigars, which consists in rolling the cigar in a flexible wrapper of greater length than the cigar, twisting the projecting ends into cords, trimming off the corded ends, and sealing the stubs of said corded ends with buttons of sealing wax.

In testimony, that I claim the foregoing

as my invention, I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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